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BARGAIN LIST CACTI AND SUCCULENT

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Growing and collecting CACTI and SUCCULENTS
for mail-order customers since 1930.

CACTI - the world's most fascinating, and strange family of plants; native only to south-western America and some S. W. Pacific islands.

A few species are found in the U.S. as far north as Montana, but the locale of origin, undoubtedly is, the great south-west of the U.S.: Lower Calif., and western Mexico—the central American countries and northern Pacific coastal areas of S. America.

While many species are found in hot, arid places, they are mistakenly considered by many people to be indigenous to strictly, desert country. They must have better than pure sand in which to thrive, and this "better place" is the edge of the desert stretches, the foothill country adjacent to sandy deserts, also the rolling, rocky terrain of the western coastal areas.

I have collected and propagated these unpredictable, nature's oddities for over 30 years, the last 20 of which, I have depended upon the help received from mail-order sales throughout America. Folks like you, who, by buying a few plants from me thru the years, have made it possible for me to carry on and attain this over-sized hobby-over 200,000 plants, all waiting for new homes.

I have had the great privilege of sending many thousands of these wonderful plants, thru the mails, to homes, from Alaska to Florida; and others to foreign countries. Miniature *cacti* and *succulent* plants, established in small pottery or grouped in "Dish-gardens" have brought no little cheer to many shut-ins that are in my books as customers and in my heart as friends. Some, perhaps too few, but some, have found their way to prisoner's cells, and I am certain, brought with them, a smile from God. Can I send a few to you?

Thanks,

Roy C. Foote (*Cactus Jack*)

A few selected BARGAINS in OUT-DOOR GROWN,
CACTI plants.

All plants are free of disease — from California
licensed Nursery.

1. *Opuntia myradsys* (Rabbit ears). Oval-fuzzy-yellow pads, small, 8¢, larger, 23 ¢.

2. *Op-dejectii* (Devil's knife). Spiney, wicked CACTUS, but odd - and has red, rose-bud flowers, then, edible fruits. Sm. - 8¢. Lg. - 15¢.

3. *Op-monacantha*. Fine, upright Cactus. Few spines. Showy, yellow flowers. Sm. - 8¢. Lg. - 15¢.

4. *Op-leucotrichii*. (Old woman Cactus) develops rather long, close-set covering of silvery-grey, hair-like spines. Sm. - 6¢. Lg. - 18¢.

5. *Op-arborescens*. (Chain Cactus) Firm-knobby, branches. R-flrs. Lg. 15¢. Sm. 9¢.

6. Really worth it - 10 small opuntias for 65¢.

7. (Wagon-wheel). *Op-discata*. Grows large, oval slabs or thick disks, often 24 inches across. Handsome show-plant. Deep-red flowers. Each large pad is healed where detached from parent plant and ready to stand in coarse soil and grow. Ea. - 50¢ plus 50¢ postage and packing, or just 50¢ with any order of \$2.50 or more.

8. Peanut cactus. (*Chamaecereus sylvestrii*). Grows in dense clusters. Starting, deep, red flowers. Ea. - 12¢.

9. *Cereus monstrosus*. Husky, misshaped plant. A freak of nature, sm. - 35¢; a few at \$5. They can be worth as much as \$50.

10. *Echinopsis multiplex* (Hedge-hog cactus) Sm. globe-shaped barrel cactus, having large, orchid-like, pink flowers. They cluster. Lg. - 22¢. Sm. 12¢.

11. *Echinopsis tubiflora*. Similar to No. 10 except with white flowers.

12. *Epiphyllum latifrons*. (Phyllo or Orchid cactus). Spineless, excellent potted plants. Pond-lily type. Flowers - white. Average 6 in. plt. 35¢. Sm. 10¢.

13. *Nyctocereus serpentinus*. Thick stemmed, upright, harmless spined, night flowering, beautiful cactus. Sm. plt. - 15¢. Lg. - 28¢.

14. *Selenicereus macdonaldiae*. (Queen of the night). Flowers often 20 inches across. White with golden center. 3 to 6 inch plt. - 18¢. Lg. 40¢.

NOTE. All cacti plants require fair garden soil. Gravely, coarse sand or old plaster with soil is fine. Leaf mold or humus added, excellent. To be safe - use no fertilizers except bone meal. None on the spiny types except - cereus, epiphyllums, phyllos, and Xmas cacti..

15. *Cereus peruvianus*. (Peruvian apple). Sm. - 15¢. Lg. - 35¢.

16. Real cactus garden. "I'll select 15 different, fine, (all will bloom) plants for you. Selected for contrast and oddity - globular, cindrical, spiny, no spines, and fuzzy - all for \$1.50."

Do not allow cacti plants to continually have wet feet. Don't let them stand in concrete. Coarse sand, gravel or broken plaster with garden soil makes them happy. They are very easy to grow and will bring to you many surprises in unexpected growths and buds.

17. Cactus cuttings. 25 true cacti catings. Have all been healed and are ready to commence growing when planted in soil with a little coarse sand under each one. All for 75¢.

18. Cacti seeds. A generous quantity of select, mixed kinds, with easy growing directions. 25¢.

19. The Christmas or Easter cactus. Flowers freely around Xmas or Easter seasons. 2 small plt. - 25¢.

SUCCULENTS (def., "Webster" - juicy.)

All CACTI are SUCCULENTS, but all SUCCULENTS are, by no means, CACTI. When we refer to a juicy stem plant or to a fat, SUCCULENT leafet plant, we do not mean CACTI but do mean, SUCCULENTS. For example, the so called "hen and chickens", (*Echeveria secunda glauca*.) These sun-loving (many of them exotic) plants, so free-flowering, and with great diversion in colors of plants as well as flowers, are fast becoming a MUST in every American plant lover's garden or window sill. They are not particular about soil values as are other plants, and can 'go it alone' for long periods without water or care if one has to neglect them. They will, however, respond to all kindnesses such as reasonable watering, better soils, more sunshine and less competitive weeds that steal thier stuff, by giving you more wonderfull flowers, faster growth, and more handsome, colorfull plants. Please remember that about good drainage for all plants from CACTI to CABBAGES.

20. *Haworthia margaritifera*. (Pineapple plant) native - Africa. Fine potted, Lg. - 33¢. Sm. - 12¢.

21. *H. attenuata*-similar to No. 20 except for more silvery markings. 12¢ - 33¢.

22. *Phyllo cactus ackermanii*. (orchid cactus). Handsome and valueable house or potted porch plant. Large red flowers. Only have large specimen plants now - \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$5., each. Do have rooted cuts at 30¢ and unrooted at 15¢ ea.

23. Other small plants of these wonderful, orchid flowering Phyllos and Epiphyllums that cannot be named until they bloom. Should be a steal at 50¢ each. These were intended to be grown for show purposes.

24. *Euphorbia inermis*. (Octopus plant). Rare. Mature plants only. Have OCTOPUS-like arms growing from globe shaped plant - \$5. each. Arm cuttings, 15¢.

NOTE. All plants are packed without soil, wrapped or covered with tissue paper and mailed parcel post. They should reach you anywhere in America, fresh and ready to be planted, grow and make for you, valueable, long life friends.

25. *Aloe alva* (Mackerel aloe.) Aloes were valued as potted plants as far back as the ancient Roman days. They flower in sunshine. Spare water with ALOES. The "alva" is prettily spotted-red flowers. Sm. - 8¢. Lg. - 18¢.

26. *Aloe ciliaris* (Chinese fire-cracker aloe.) Rather climbing plant. Flowers resembling bunch of red fire-crackers. Lg. 18¢. Sm. - 7¢.

27. *Aloe arborescens*. (Tree aloe.) Fine for large, showy, house-plant. Spikes of yellow flowers. 8¢, 15¢ and 35¢.

28. Aloe seeds, (mixed), easily grown. No special care. Liberal packet with cultural directions, 15¢.

29. Very SPECIAL. Cuttings, 30 different, of choice Succulents and Exotic plants, will grow into valueable plants, 50¢.

NOTE. All succulents as well as the CACTI on this list are perennials — they should improve in beauty, flower value and size, year after year.

30. Assorted "Messembryanthemum" seeds; packet 15¢. The so called "ice-plant" family. Low ground plants noted for thier abundance of flowers thru much of the year. Also for the many colors and color shades. Require very little care.

31. *Gasterias*. (African bow-tie plant.) Sm. 12¢. Lg. - 27¢.

32. *Billbergia*. (Pineapple-top). Upright, Lily-like, Dykia having pendant flowers; green-blueish. One plt. clusters to many, each 15¢.

33. *Epiphyllums* (Orchid Cactus). 5 dif. plt. cuts, 35¢. Lg. single cuts from valueable plants, each 25¢.

34. *Hoya Carnosa*. (African wax-plant). Handsome potted with small trellis. Flowers like pink-white, wax clusters. Sm. - 28¢. Cutting - 12¢.

NOTE. Cactus Jack says: "It's better to plant a ten cent plant in a five dollar hole than to plant a five dollar one in a ten cent hole."

35. *Stapelia variegata*. (African Toad cactus.) Low-clustering plant. Wonderful, lasting, unreal-looking flowers. Each small clump - 28¢.

36. *Cereopegia woodii*. (Rosary-vine.) Strong, silvery spotted, heart-shaped leafed plant, really loves a kitchen window. Sm. - 12¢. Lg. - 22¢.

NOTE. Please add 15¢ on orders less than \$1. Orders more than \$1. are postpaid. Stamps cost money now-days and we have to use more of them, you understand. Another thing - I always manage to find room in the packages to send along a few extra plants that I am sure you can use. I'll cover any extra postage you send with extra but vaueable small plants or cuttings. Lets be real, plant friends.

37. *Aloe brevifolia*. Fine potted. Fat, compact, Arti-choke resemblance. Each - 15¢.

38. *Portulacaria afra*. (Elephant plant.) Sm. tree-shape, red stem, african oddity. Sm. - 8¢. Lg. - 18¢.

39. *Klenia foicoides*. Fat branches of bue fingers. Sm. - 6¢.

40. *Klenia articulata*, (Candle plant.) Candle-like growth—Y—flrs-at top. Each - 6¢.

41. *Sedum stahlil*, (snake buttons.) Minature clusters of red, closely set beads, (creeping). Adds garden color. Small plants - 8¢. Why not to buy 10 or 20 of the single cuttings? They should grow anywhere the sun shines, 10¢ per doz.

42. *Sedum guantamalense*. Like small clusters of red jelly-beans. Fine for rock-gardens. Small plants - 7¢

43. *Sedum adolphii* (Butter fingers.) Compact, golden, short, fat leaves. Are show plants here in Los Angeles on front porches. Medium plant - 11¢.

44. *Sedum dendrideum* (crested). Grows fan-shaped, real oddity - 12¢.

45. *Crassula terragona*. Like miniature pines, a nickle, please.

46. Special. I'll select 25 very fine SUCCULENT plants, each different - fine flowering kinds, only \$2. (If not to be named, \$1.65).

47. Special. 25 dif. suc. cuttings, not named, 50¢.

48. *Echeverias*. (Hen and chick type plants.) *Echeveria weinbergii* (ghost-plant.) It is interesting to detach some of the fat, white leaves, place them in a dish on some loose soil. They will grow to new plants. Extra leaves, 1¢ each.

49. Old fashioned "Hen and Chick" - 8¢. No. 50. *E. pulvinata*, velvety, rich green, red, edged, fuzzy, thick leaved beauty - 15¢.

51. *E. elegans*. Snow-white rosettes forms beautiful cluster. Sm. - 14¢. Lg. - 28¢.

To my cactus friends — advertising really costs money. If you like my plants, service and prices, and have friends that might like them also, won't you send me their names? I really need your orders to help keep my prices low. I'll send to you some free plants for any new customer and really appreciate it. Do you know of some needy, shut-in person that would like a gift plant from Cactus Jack? Please send their name.

1953 - To My Mail Order Friends:

Owing to the 1952 appreciation from folks all over America for my plants as listed in this folder, I have decided to use it again this year. I will, however, supplement it later on with a new list of other Bargain Priced cacti and exotic, colorful succulents - and at sensible prices.

The prices of my plants in this list are about the same as before the war. Postage has nearly doubled since then for fourth class packages. In order to keep prices low and quality high, I am forced to do almost all of the work myself - and for an old timer, this is really something. I love it, however, and I feel that my plants are making many people happy - I am really trying to do it for you.

I mailed many "shut-in" gift plants last year but if I have overlooked any person whose name you sent in, please let me know and I will send it to them. Would like to boost #46 offer a little. It is outstanding because it makes a wonderful, fascinating, easily grown, colorful rock garden of plants that are different. Each plant can also be used in single pots. Almost every one has wonderful summer flowers.

Thanks for past patronage and new orders, and friendly letters that you may send. Also for the names that you have sent in. I really need them all if I am to keep these low prices. Going to try hard and get orders out promptly this year. Thanks,

ROY C. FOOTE (Cactus Jack)